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Multi mortales, dediti ventri atque somno, indocti, inculique, vitam sicut Peregrinantes transiere, quibus profecto, contra naturam corpus voluptati, anima oneri fuit: Eorum vitam mortemque juxta æstimo quia de utraque siletur. SALLUST.

From my CHAMBERS.

IS it my Custom to have some Classic Author lie by me on my Table at Breakfast, to amuse half an Hour's Retirement from more severe Speculations, I chanced this Morning to have taken down a *Sallust*. That Roman Historian, from the Elegance of his Stile and Refinement of his Sentiments, always gives me Pleasure and excites my Reflection. Where he describes the *growing Luxury* and *Corruption* of his Country, I am convinced of their Fatality in any Nation, and foresee the Debaseness and Slavery that must ensue among the People. I had no sooner read that Part from which my Motto is taken, but I thought it a proper Theme for a *Spectator*, as it characterises the *Manners* of our *own Age* and *Country*: As my Fair Readers and pretty Fellows may have some Curiosity to know the Meaning, I will give it them.

"Many, given up to Voluptuousness and Sloth, "unlearn'd, unpolish'd, lead their Life as if they were "only Strangers travelling through it; as if, contrary "to Nature, their Body was created for Pleasure and "their Soul for a Burthen; whose Life and Death I "esteem just the same, as nothing Praise-worthy can "be said of either."

This Description of an indolent, insignificant, voluptuous People, is, I am sorry to say it, a *severe Satire* on great Numbers of both Sexes in this Kingdom: It is the Duty of publick Writers to point out such fatal Evils, in hopes, at least, of a Reformation; therefore I shall not exclude the Ladies, any more than the Men, who are guilty of these Vices.

If we take ever so cursory a Survey of this Metropolis is it not almost incredible to find half of them are of no Good to Community, farther than they promote *Luxury* and *Expence?* Walk through London, you see a Hurry of People; but as the Poet elegantly observes,

Where through the Streets with equal Haste they run,
Some to undo, *and some to be* undone;

It must move much Concern if the real Business of every Passenger was inscrib'd on their Breasts: What Scences would be open'd to Discovery? Would not any unfashionable, inelegant, plain Country Gentlewoman, who had been rudely push'd out of the Way by two Footmen and a Chair with Lady *Townlove* in it, be surpriz'd to see her Ladyship was going to her Banker's, not to receive any Bills, but —— *pawn* her *Jewels* to discharge a *Debt* of *Honour* contracted at a *Hazard Table?* Who would not laugh at *Tom Easy*, lolling indolently in his Chariot rolling along to the *Change*, when it appear'd he was hurrying to *Mendoze the Jew*, to get his last Hundred, at 30 *per Cent.* to keep his Chariot —— a *Fortnight longer?*

But besides such Occurrences as would excite *Ridicule* and *Contempt* only, how many would appear shocking from the Villanies and Vices which were going to be acted, merely in Consequence of *Luxury* and *Corruption? Oppression, Ruin* and *Desolation* would glare on the Breasts of some. *Bribery, Fraud* and *Villany* would rise triumphant on the Hearts of others The *false*, the *immodest*, the *mercenary Soul*, would be mark'd on many a *Pair* of *Stays*; and many a *Handkerchief* would be stain'd with *Wine*, or scented with *strong Waters*. Not remarking on Particularities, we should find this Town a mere Wilderness of People, not a regular Plantation: Like a vast Thicket choak'd up with Thorns and Briars, Shrubs and Underwoods; but scanty of GOOD TIMBER and Trees of any Consequence.

It may be ask'd, Why a Charge of this Nature should be urg'd stronger against the modern Age than against our Ancestors, for that no doubt there were the same Vices in Nature prevalent a hundred Years ago as well as now? There might be, but not *equally* prevalent. Luxury introduces itself into the State gradually; and no Body of People, any more than any single Person, grow the *worst* all on a sudden.

Nemo repente fuit Turpissimus;

is a Maxim in public as well as private Life: It is notorious that even within these forty Years the People have been universally more expensive, that is, more luxurious than our Fathers were at the Close of the last Century. There are *more Equipages* kept, —— yet there are *more Taxes*; there are *more Diversions*, and *more Want*; there are more *fine Gentlemen* who keep *Shops*, and more *Bankrupts* in the *Gazette*; there are more *Ladies* of *Taste* but fewer *Housewives*; there is more *Ostentation*, but less *Substance*; more *Pomp*, but less *Hospitality*; more *Expence* and less *Frugality*; our *Publick Debts* are *encreas'd* without our *Publick Credit*; *Publick Dependency* without *Publick Spirit*; and *Publick Offices* without *Publick Œconomy*.

These have not been sudden but growing Evils; Luxury grew a Taste among the Great, consequently the Mode among the middle Class, and the Fashion among the lower Rank of People.

It is not my Design or Business to make any political Enquiry on this Subject; I shall only point out the Evils which attend the Pursuit and Indulgence of the *Luxurious Elegance* which now reigns, without mentioning what *Ministerial Uses* Statesmen form from this Degeneracy.

The Ambition to look, to speak, to act politely, is, from the false Judgment of what true Politeness consists in, a great Introduction of the Vice I complain of: The Affectation of this Accomplishment has chang'd the manly good Breeding of our Forefathers into the slavish Politeness of Arbitrary Countries, and from an Imitation of their Vices banish'd the hospitable Good-nature and Frugality we were respected for. On a little Observation it is evident, that a *glaring Equipage*, a *Singularity* in *Dress*, a *Taste* for *Operas*, *Ridottos*, *Masquerades*, &c. take in the whole Circle of *Politeness*, and without a Knowledge of these, Politeness cannot exist: Hence it is young Noblemen and our Youth of Quality at their first Step into Life commence *Coxcombs* or *Spendthrifts*: That *personal Worth* and *inherent Merit* seldom attends the *Gilt Chariot*, or the *Golden-tassel'd Chair*; that instead of conspicuous Virtue and Knowledge in Arts and Sciences, my *Lord* or his *Honour* are famous only for their Debauchees, or their Experience at the *Groom Porters*, or *White's*. Such a Depravity in High Life, descends gradually to the Lowest, and the Evil, from Imitation, becomes Epidemical.

To be modernly polite, introduces Extravagance; *that* Indolence; to support *That*, the contracting Debts; and *that* Ruin. But where Ruin has not been the immediate Consequence to an extravagant Man, yet it has punish'd his Generation in a most sensible Manner.

How happy might the Family of Mr. *Gaymou'd* have been, had it not been for his *preposterous Ambition* of seeming *great?* He was settled in a flourishing Trade, marry'd a Wife with a large Fortune, and had a paternal Estate fell to him: He was getting an Estate almost in every Body's Opinion; when, in Fact, he was spending one. A Country House, many Servants, a Chariot, and the Equipage suitable for his Lady, with her Pocket Money, and his Expences in a large polite Acquaintance, were heavy Articles; besides, they drew on many Inconveniencies, as Neglect of Business in him, and Family Supet-Intendance in her: Pleasure and Visits became the Business of Life, instead of a proper Relaxation of it: Their Children were brought up in the same Sentiments, from the Examples of their Parents: Finery and Pride were soon strongly implanted in their Ideas; too strongly ever to be eradicated.——In the Height of this Scene the Master of the Family dies, and on Examination *dies insolvent*: What a Change must there be in this unhappy Family is rather to be conceiv'd than describ'd; the Mother being glad to accept a *small annual Pittance* from a Relation, and the Children pension'd out to go into a Scene of Life, as low as that of the Servants who us'd to attend on them?—— The Reflections on this Story I leave to my Readers; I shall only give a Contrast to it, as a *Moral* on the whole.

Emelia, brought up in all the Elegance of real Politeness, marry'd *Eugenio*, a Gentleman of considerable Fortune: They liv'd equal to it, and were bless'd with several Children: However, in this Increase of Expence they did not retrench it, 'till one Day *Emelia* thus address'd him:

'You may wonder, my Dear, at what I am going 'to say: You know I never trouble you about your 'private Affairs; but this concerns me as well as 'you. Mr. *Meanwell*, your Steward, has inform'd 'me that what through high Taxes, your good-na-'tur'd Hospitality, bad Tenants, and unthanful 'Farms, that you run behind Hand: Now, my 'Dear, I have a Proposal to make to you: My 'Money and Jewels will supply you with what you 'want at present, but to prevent future Inconve-'niencies, I must insist that you would retrench 'your Charges, lay down our Coaches and Horses, 'and k ep no more Servants than are useful.'—— But, says *Eugenio*, can you offer to lay down your Equipage who brought me such a ——.' I can do 'every prudent Thing, interrupts *Emelia*: I should 'be prouder to walk on Foot with Respect shewn to 'me, than ride in a Chariot with the Reflections and 'Curses of my Tradesmen: We shall have Content, 'and an Opportunity of providing better for our 'Children: It is my Desire, *Eugenio*, and I hope 'you will not, out of Compliment to me, refuse it.'

Eugenio had too much good Sense to deny so generous a Proposal; and now they live with Gentility without Splendor, with Dignity without Pain; their bounding their Desires have made themselves happy, and will their Children after them.——*Go thou*, Reader, *and do so likewise.*

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Conſtantinople, O. 29. Affairs between this Court and Perſia are ſtill in the ſame Situation: It ſeems we are but little perſuaded here of the Sincerity of the advantageous Offers made by Thamas Kouli-Kan, conſidering the little Forwardneſs of the Porte to cloſe with them. It is thought that he wants to gain Time, till he has quell'd all the Diſturbances in his Empire; which Opinion ſeems the more probable, becauſe the Sophi, after reducing the Leſghis, built ſeveral Forts in the Gorges of the Mountains contiguous to the Caſpian Sea, and becauſe the greateſt Part of his Troops are filing off towards the Frontiers of Georgia, which plainly ſhews that he intends to act againſt this Empire next Spring. Theſe Circumſtances oblige the Porte to keep up numerous Armies in Aſia, and to avoid carefully all Occaſions of breaking with any of the Powers of Chriſtendom.

Moſcow, Nov. 4. The Great Chancellor of the Empire, Prince Czircoſkoy, died this Morning.

Madrid, Nov. 28. We have receiv'd Advice that ſeveral Engliſh Men of War have been cruizing, ſince the Beginning of this Month, on the Coaſt of Catalonia; and that the Crews of ſome of them had landed in the Neighbourhood of Palamos, St. Felix, Pineda, Cavet, Ica, and even in the Neighbourhood of Barcelona, in all which Places they rais'd large Contributions, and moreover ſet Fire to five or ſix Villages which they found abandon'd; but that a Body of about ſixty of them having fallen into an Ambuſh near Mataro, the Peaſants cut the greateſt Part of them in Pieces, and recover'd part of the Booty they had made.

Florence, Nov. 24. Letters from Bologne of the 20th of November bring Advice, that, purſuant to the Orders of the Queen of Hungary, Count Traun had cauſed to be return'd to the Notaries and Sbirris of Bologne, the Cheſts which his Huſſars had lately taken from a Convent belonging to the ſaid Town, fill'd with the Plate of the Duke D'Arcos and other Spaniſh General Officers; but that whilſt they were buſy in carrying the Whole back to Bologne, a Party of Huſſars had come upon them ſuddenly, when they were half way thither, and carry'd off the Cheſts a ſecond Time, together with their Conductors.

From the Head Quarters of the Auſtrian Army at Ketzenberg, Dec. 5. The Army being arriv'd at Altheim, as was ſaid in our laſt Advices, Prince Charles went to reconnoitre Braunau and the Courſe of the Inn in that Neighbourhood; after which General Roth was detach'd with all the Grenadiers to take Poſt at Ering, on the other Side of that River, in order to block up the Town on that Side.

General Berenclau having paſs'd the River Mattich with the Corps under his Command, pitch'd his Tents at Ranſhoffen, from whence Count Seckendorff had retir'd a few Days before. The Cannon and Mortars which M. Berenclau brought from Paſſau began to play upon the Town of Braunau the 2d Inſtant, and continu'd doing ſo the 3d, as well as the Day following. The ſame Day the Garriſon made a Sally, but were repuls'd with Loſs.

General Helfreich has ſeiz'd upon the Paſs of Lauffen, with two Battalions and about 800 Croats and Sclavonians, and afterwards puſh'd as far as the Salt-Pits of Reichenhall, where he made a conſiderable Booty.

The Veldt Marſhal Kevenhuller, purſuant to Orders, has quitted the Banks of the Vils, and advanced to Grieſpuch, in order to make ſure of the Paſſage of the Rot and the Inn, and thereby preſerve a Communication with Prince Charles.

From the Head Quarters of the French Army at Eggenfeldt, Dec. 6. Marſhal Broglio's Army having paſſed the Vils at Reiſpach, arriv'd the 4th Inſtant at Engelſtorff, and from thence march'd hither yeſterday. The Count de Coigny paſſed the Rot this Morning with the Cavalry under his Command, in order to join the Marquiſs de Balincourt, who has actually under him 11 Battalions, 24 Squadrons of Dragoons, and ſix of Cavalry. The reſt of the Army will paſs the Rot to-morrow, and continue their March towards the Inn.

Extract of a private Letter from Ering, Dec. 10.

'We have this Moment a very extraordinary Piece 'of News from Wilchenreuth, a Village in the Coun'try of Sultzbach. A few Days ago there arriv'd 'very unexpectedly 30 French Soldiers in that Neigh'bourhood: On the 5th they enter'd the Miniſter's 'Garden, where he was walking, who very civilly 'aſk'd them what they wanted? they anſwer'd him 'with like Civility, that they wanted Forage. The 'Miniſter ſhew'd them immediately his Yard, where 'there was a conſiderable Quantity of Oats, Hay, and 'Straw. When they had taken what they thought 'fit, they began to toſs the Miniſter from one to ano'ther, punch'd him with their Bayonets, clapp'd a 'Piſtol to his Breaſt, and a Knife to his Throat, and 'aſk'd him where he kept his Money? which they 'took away, as well as ſome that belong'd to his 'Church, after which they bound him, and threw 'him on a Stack of Straw. In the Interim another 'Party of twenty-five French had pillag'd the reſt of 'the Village; but as they were packing up their 'Plunder in Bales, they were ſurpriz'd by a Party of '50 Huſſars, who made them all Priſoners, except 'two who found means to eſcape. Forty of their 'Companions who were poſted in one Place, and '100 who were poſted in another, to favour their 'Retreat, ran away at the Sight of the Huſſars, who 'contented themſelves with carrying off their Priſo'ners, but did not touch a pennyworth of the poor 'Peoples Goods.'

Francfort, Dec. 16. We hear by a Courier arriv'd from Bavaria, that the 8th Inſtant the Marſhals Seckendorff, Broglio and Maillebois had an Interview at Tann; that Prince Charles was then carrying on the Attacks againſt Braunau from the other Side of the Inn; that his Royal Highneſs already order'd two Aſſaults to be given on the Covert Way, in which the Auſtrians were repuls'd with great Loſs; that the Marſhals having drawn near Braunau the 9th Inſtant Prince Charles raiſed the Siege entirely, after which the three Marſhals enter'd the Town. The Allies kill'd or took Priſoners about 160 Soldiers on this Side of the Inn. The Prince de Conti diſtinguiſh'd himſelf in an extraordinary Manner on all Occaſions. The Enemy having decamp'd from the Right of the Inn the 10th Inſtant, the French Cavalry and the Imperial Troops follow'd their Rear Guard, which was marching towards Schardingen. The Auſtrians have abandon'd Lauffen, and ſent away their heavy Baggage towards Gemunden in the Upper Auſtria.

Paris, Dec. 14. We hear from Verſailles, that the King has juſt iſſued Orders for an Augmentation of 50,000 Men in his Troops, beſides the 30,000 Militia lately order'd to be raiſed.

Bruſſels, Dec. 17. Colonel Bland, Quarter Maſter General of the Britiſh Forces, ſet out the 13th Inſtant for Maſtricht; it is ſaid he is charg'd to gather up Proviſions and Forage on the other Side of the Maeſe for the Hanoverians, &c. that are to take that Route. The Veldt Marſhal Count Neuperg ſet out two Days after for Luxembourg, in order to put himſelf at the Head of the Troops that are marching thither. It is pretended that the firſt Stroke will be to ſeize upon the Abbey of St. Hubert, with the Territory depending on it, after which the Army will march towards Lorrain.——And what next? Why, make a Conqueſt of it, as we did of *Dunkirk* laſt Summer, after all the Millions ſpent, after all our hectoring and bullying, and after preſenting *Memorials* of ſuch a Nature as naturally reminds one of a Paſſage in the Play of *Cato*.

I'll bellow out for Rome *and for my Country,*
And mouth at Cæſar *'till I ſhake the Senate.*

Bruſſels, Dec. 19. By Letters from Bavaria we are inform'd, that the Detachments of the Auſtian Army, which had begun to beſiege Braunau and Burchauſen, and had made ſeveral Attacks upon thoſe Places, in one of which the Auſtrian General Sarbonelli was kill'd, were retired from thence upon the Approach of the French and Imperial Army on the 9th Inſtant: That Marſhal Broglio enter'd Braunau on the 10th; and that Prince Charles had thereupon repaſs'd the Inn, and march'd towards Sharding.

Hague, Dec. 16. The Charter of the Eaſt-India Company is renew'd proviſionally for 15 Years, and inſtead of ſeveral Millions which they were wont to pay upon ſuch an Occaſion, they are only to deduct three or four per Cent. on each Dividend, which is to go into the Cheſt of the *Union*. They are likewiſe to deduct three or four per Cent. more, in order to replace the vaſt Sums that have been and are daily iſſued for the ſending a great Naval Force, with a conſiderable Body of Land Troops on board, to reſettle the Affairs of the Company in the Eaſt-Indies.

Amſterdam, Dec. 21. The laſt Advices from Savoy ſay, that the Infant Don Philip having receiv'd all the Reinforcements he expected from Catalonia, made a Motion with his Army, which had obig'd the King of Sardinia to make ſome Alteration in the Poſition of his Camp; and that the two Armies being in Sight of each other, a Battle was expected. Thoſe Letters add, that his Sardinian Majeſty's Army had juſt been reinforc'd with 8000 Militia lately rais'd in Savoy.

LONDON.

It is ſaid that the celebrated modern Triumvirate, like that of old *Rome*, differ among themſelves: They are all mining and countermining with the utmoſt Cunning they are Maſters of: This, our Prognoſticators ſay, portends the re-eſtabliſhing another Prime M——r, who, like another Dictator, is to exerciſe Power without Controul.——A late great Actor ſtands behind the Scenes, and laughs heartily at this Interlude.

An Article of Home News has ſurpris'd all our *Machiavelians*. It ſeems we have a Grandee of *Spain* reſident at *London*, whoſe Lady was the other Day brought to bed. From a *Spaniſh* Nobleman's being at *London* at this Criſis of Affairs, they infer, that a private Negotiation of Peace is concerting between *Great Britain* and *Madrid*, without any Mediation of *France*.——Tho' this Conjecture is founded on no Authority, yet it were to be wiſh'd *Spain* had made proper Overtures, as a Peace with *England* would overturn all the Politicks of *Verſailles*.

A *Quære* has been propos'd to the Learned in the Law, whether, according to the Conditions of an *Act of Settlement*, *G*—— *R*—— is to pay *H*—— any Money for the Service the ſaid *H.* is to do *itſelf*? ——*This is no* Moot Point *in Chambers*; it *is* againſt Law *there: However, ſeveral eminent in the* Profeſſion *have been of* another *Opinion in the H*—— of ——. What admirable Logicians Preferment makes?

The Effects of *Ranelagh*, *Vauxhall*, &c. &c. Summer Politeneſſes, begin now to be fair, and *Chriſtmas*, which us'd to give our Forefathers a *merry Heart*, is now look'd on as the *diſmal Day of Account*.—— *This it is to have* TASTE.

The Severity of the Weather has not only thinn'd the *Churches*, but even the *Opera* and *Playhouſes*; nor can *Montecelli* at one, or *Garrick* at the other, bring a tolerable Audience.——*The* Saving *from theſe Diverſions it is hoped are apply'd to* Charitable Uſes: *The Relieving Human Nature in* real Diſtreſs *beſpeaks a more generous Soul than being affected at ſeeing it* diſtreſs'd *in* Fiction.

We hear his Majeſty will go to the Houſe of Peers on Tueſday next, to ſign ſuch Bills as are ready for the Royal Aſſent.

Tueſday was held a Court of Aldermen at Guild-hall, when Mr. Serjeant Urling, Deputy-Recorder of this City, was unanimouſly choſen Recorder thereof, in the room of Sir John Strange, Knt. who reſign'd.

The ſame Day that Court elected, by a Majority of two, Mr. Joſ. Feer, Nephew to Alderman Weſtley, to be Clerk of Leadenhall-Market, in the room of Mr. John Fawdry.

The Lords of the Treaſury have appointed Mr. Sheen, Gentleman to the Right Hon. the Earl of Wilmington, to be one of the principal Meſſengers of the Treaſury, in the room of Mr. Oſwald, deceas'd.

Yeſterday a Committee of Almoners met at Chriſt-Hoſpital, when Mr. Benjamin Wellington was choſen Phyſician to the Hoſpital at Hertford, in the room of Dr. Walley, who has reſign'd.

Laſt Saturday Col. Joſeph Bell, Comptroller of the General-Poſt-Office, was remov'd from his Employment: As was the ſame Day Mr. Joſeph Archer, Alphabet-Keeper to the ſaid Office.

The Poſt-Maſters-General have nominated Mr. John Jackſon, Clerk of the Yarmouth-Road, to officiate as Comptroller, in the room of Col. Bell, till ſuch time as another is appointed; and Mr. Green officiates as Alphabet-Keeper for the preſent.

All the little Peddling Tools of late M——ſt——l Power are alarm'd at ſome Changes and Diſmiſſions in a publick Office, who thought the Storm all over. ——*But it's ſaid there were other Reaſons than* M——l ones *for ſuch Diſmiſſions.*

The Lords of the Admiralty have given Orders that all the Lieutenants belonging to the Navy that are unemploy'd, do immediately ſend an Account of their Places of Abode to the Admiralty-Office, in order to their being put into Commiſſion, as his Majeſty's Service may require.

Monday Morning died Samuel Saxon, Eſq; Clerk of the Patents in the Annuity-Office in his Majeſty's Exchequer.

And the ſame Day the Right Hon. the Lord Walpole, Auditor of his Majeſty's Exchequer, appointed Mr. Paxton, Son of Nicholas Paxton, Eſq; late Solicitor of the Treaſury, to ſucceed him.

Laſt Week Sir William Clayton, Bart. Preſident of Guy's Hoſpital, nominated Dr. Avery, to be Treaſurer of the ſaid Hoſpital, in the room of John Holliſter, Eſq; deceas'd.

A few Days ago the Right Hon. the Lord Anne Hamilton, Brother to his Grace the Duke of Hamilton, was married at Bath to Miſs Ponel, a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 30,000 l.

Laſt Saturday Sir Humphy Monoux was married to Mrs. Jones, Relict of —— Jones, Eſq; of Waltham-Abbey, a Gentlewoman of a large Fortune.

Monday the Hon. —— Boſcawen, Brother to the Lord Viſcount Falmouth, Member of Parliament for Truro, and Captain of the Superb Man of War, was married at Weſtminſter-Abbey by the Rev. Dr. Baker, to Miſs Glanville, Daughter to William Glanville, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Hythe in Kent.

A few Days ſince Mr. Hall Wortham, ſen. an eminent Maltſter at Royſton, was married to Mrs. Young, of the ſame Place, a Maiden Lady of 30,000 l. Fortune.

Laſt Monday Nicholas Colebatch, of Eſher, Eſq; was married, at Kingſton in Surrey, to Mrs. Elizabeth Ferne, of Teddington, a Lady of a conſiderable Fortune.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight an Expreſs arriv'd in Town from Eſſex, with an Account that the Right Hon. Henry Lord Maynard died at his Seat at Little Eaſton in that County the Day before. His Lordſhip dying a Batchelor, his Title and Eſtate devolves to his Brother Grey Maynard, Eſq; now Lord Maynard.

Laſt Week died, aged Eighty-two, Mr. Bewe, an eminent Apothecary in Gracechurch-ſtreet: He is ſaid to have died worth 20,000 l. which he has left to his only Daughter, Mrs. Cole, a Widow Gentlewoman.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight died of an Apoplectick Fit, at his Houſe in Blowbladder-Street, Mr. Samuel Mills, an eminent Grocer, and one of the Common-Council-Men of the Ward of Farringdon within. He had been out of Town that Day, and came home in the Evening in perfect Health, but about Eight o'Clock was taken with an Apoplectick Fit, in which he continued for three Hours, and then died. He was a Man of good Character, and his Death is much lamented by all that knew him.

Saturday died at his Houſe at Stepney, Capt. Cornelius Ward, many Years in the African Trade, in which he acquir'd a large Fortune.

Tueſday Morning died at Kenſington-Gore, in the 92d Year of his Age, the Rev. Mr. Howſon, a Nonjuring Clergyman: When near his Death he deſir'd to be interr'd in the Burying-Ground in Lamb's-Conduit-Fields, as near the Remains of the late Robert Nelſon, Eſq; and the late Rev. Nathaniel Marſhall, D. D. as was poſſible.

On Tueſday departed this Life Mr. Robert Taylor, formerly an eminent Maſon, and many Years Common-Council-Man of the Ward of Farringdon Within. He lately left off Trade, and was retir'd to a pleaſant Country Seat at Woodford in Eſſex, where he died.

Late on Wedneſday Night was interr'd in a private Manner, at St. James's Church, the Corpſe of the Lady Nairne, who died a few Days ago at her Lodgings in Germain-ſtreet; ſhe was Relict of the late Sir David Nairne, Secretary (at the Time of the Union) to his Grace the Duke of Queenſberry, and afterwards Secretary to the Moſt Noble Order of the Thiſtle in the Reigns of his late and preſent Majeſty.

Wedneſday was buried, in a genteel Manner, from his Seat at Upton in Eſſex, at the Pariſh Church of Weſt-Ham, the Lady of Sir Philip Hall, who, in the firſt Year of his preſent Majeſty, was High Sheriff of that County, and lately fin'd for Sheriff of this City. She was youngeſt Daughter of the late Honourable Leonard Dacres Barret, Eſq; of Bellhouſe in Eſſex, and was juſtly eſteem'd a Lady of ſtrict Virtue and Piety.

On Wedneſday died Mr. Rutland, an eminent Sail-Maker at the Hermitage.

On Wedneſday Mr. Howard, Keeper of the late Queen's Library, was found dead in his Bed, at his Apartments at St. James's. He had been miſſing a Day or two, and his Room was broke open. He is ſuppos'd to have been dead ſome time.

Thurſday the Court of Aſſiſtants of the Drapers Company made Choice of the Rev. Mr. Wills, Curate to Dr. Thomas, Rector of St. Bennet at Paul's Wharf, to be Morning Lecturer at St. Michael's in Cornhill, in the room of Mr. Gibſon, deceas'd.

The Right Rev. Dr. Wilcox, Lord Biſhop of Rocheſter, and Dean of Weſtminſter, has appointed the Rev. Dr. Barnett, one of the Prebendaries of that Collegiate Church, to be his Sub-Dean, in the room of the Right Rev. Dr. Willes, now Lord Biſhop of St. David's.

Laſt Week the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of Norwich inſtituted the Rev. Alexander Henry Gough, B. A. to the Rectory of Eaſton in the County of Suffolk and Dioceſe of Norwich.

His Lordſhip has likewiſe been pleaſed to inſtitute the Rev. Lynford Caryll, M. A. and Fellow of Jeſus College, Cambridge, to the Vicarage of Fordham in the County of Cambridge and Dioceſe of Norwich.

Laſt Week the Dean and Chapter and of St. Paul's were pleas'd to preſent the Rev. James Carrington, B. A. and Chaplain to the Right Hon. Richard Earl of Angleſey, to the Vicarage of Chairing, in the County of Kent and Dioceſe of Canterbury, vacant by the Death of the Rev. Mr. Edward Dearing, deceas'd.

On Tueſday laſt a Diſpenſation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. George Hutton, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Earl of Ferrers, to hold the Rectory of Gate Burton in the County and Dioceſe of Lincoln, together with the Rectory of Grantham in the County and Dioceſe aforeſaid.

As did alſo a Preſentation to enable the Rev. Mr. John Maud, to hold the Vicarage of St. Neot in the County of Huntingdon and Dioceſe of Lincoln.

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As alſo a Preſentation to enable the Rev. Mr. Richard Goodrick to hold the Vicarage of Kilmerſden in the County of Somerſet and Dioceſe of Bath and Wells.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has preſented the Reverend Mr. James Morgan to the Rectory of Lanilid, with Chap Lamhairam, in the County of Glamorgan and Dioceſe of Llandaff.

We hear a Liſt is collecting in order to be printed and publiſh'd, of the ſeveral Retailers of Coals who have exorbitantly hoiſted upon the Poor the Price of that Commodity ſince the Commencement of the Froſt.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight the Seſſions ended at the Old Baily, when the following Priſoners were capitally convicted, viz.

Richard Haſſal, for robbing his Maſters of a large Sum of Money.

Michael Buley, for breaking open the Houſe of Mrs. Hodges, in Haberdaſher's-Square, Grub-Street.

David Todd, for a Street-Robbery.

Lot Cavenah and Cordelia Taylor, for a Street-Robbery.

Thomas Haven, for robbing of his Maſter, Thomas Croſs, of 40 l.

John Robinſon and Jacob Cordoſa, for Houſe-breaking.

Jeremiah Swift, the Taylor, who murder'd his Wife in Fry's-Court, Tower-Hill, died a few Days ago.

Friday Night laſt Week Mr. Spearman, of Barking, was robbed at Park-Corner near Eaſt-ham, by two Foot-Pads who carry'd him up a Bye-Lane, tied his Hands behind him, and ſtuff'd a Handkerchief in his Mouth; they took from him his Watch and 13 s. and turn'd his Horſe looſe. The next Morning a Piſtol and Hanger were found near the Place where the Robbery was committed.

Laſt Tueſday Night ſome Rogues found means to ſteal a Quantity of Goods from the Houſe of the Widow Johnſon, a Pawnbroker in Maypole-Alley, Wych-Street, which they effected by breaking through the Wall, at a Part of the Houſe where they knew the Goods were laid; and got off undiſcover'd.

Wedneſday laſt was held a Court of Admiralty, at the Seſſions Houſe in the Old Baily, when Thomas Rowſe, of Great-Yarmouth, was found guilty of fighting againſt his Country, and being concern'd in taking ſeven different Ships, which was prov'd by the Evidence of ſome of the Perſons that were taken; and alſo by the Commander of the Spaniſh Privateer, in which he voluntarily ſerv'd, that was taken lately by one of our Men of War: He, therefore, was ſentenced, as a Traitor to his Country, to be drawn on a Hurdle to the Place of Execution, there to be hang'd, but cut down before he is dead, his Head ſever'd from his Body, his Bowels taken out, and then to be quarter'd, which Quarters are to be put up where his Majeſty ſhall pleaſe to appoint.

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Dec. 13. The King has been pleas'd to conſtitute and appoint Edward Falkingham, Eſq; to be one of the Commiſſioners, in Quality of a principal Officer of his Majeſty's Navy, for the Naval Affairs in the Mediterranean; and to reſide either at Port-Mahon or Gibraltar, as the Circumſtances of Affairs may require, and according to ſuch Directions as his Majeſty ſhall give him for that Purpoſe.

The King has been pleas'd to conſtitute and appoint George Lucas, Eſq; to be Lieutenant Governor of his Majeſty's Iſland of Antigua in America, in the room of Edward Byam, Eſq; deceas'd.

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'On the other ſide, with *Rotherham*, are, *Smith*, Biſhop of *Lincoln*; *Ley*, Biſhop of *Sarum*; *Edward Darby*, Archdeacon of *Stow*, conſiderable Benefactors; and *Williams*, Lord-Keeper and Biſhop of *Lincoln*, who built the Chapel, &c. Next to the Founder, on your Right-hand, is the late Lord *Crew*, Biſhop of *Durham*, principal Benefactor to this College; in whoſe Train are, the Doctors *Marſhall* and *Adams* (who were Rectors) and Sir *Nathaniel Lloyd*, Benefactors.

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